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SUBJECT: RUDOLF HESS: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT SCHEEL

REF: STATE 170742

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF THE SUBSTANTIVE
PORTION OF A REPLY TO PRESIDENT SCHEEL'S APPEAL TO
PRESIDENT CARTER FOR THE RELEASE OF RUDOLF HESS.
ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH BONN GROUP REP IS NOT AWARE OF
THE STATUS OF THE FRENCH REPLY TO AN IDENTICAL LETTER
ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT GISCARD, THE UK REP INFORMS US
THAT QUEEN ELIZABETH HAS ALREADY REPLIED IN TERMS VERY
SIMILAR TO THE US DRAFT. I RECOMMEND THAT THE REPLY
TO PRESIDENT SCHEEL BE SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

2. DRAFT REPLY TO PRESIDENT SCHEEL:

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I SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE CONTINUED
IMPRISONMENT OF RUDOLF HESS. FOR MANY YEARS THE
UNITED STATES HAS, FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS, SUPPORTED
HIS IMMEDIATE RELEASE. HOWEVER, HE IS IMPRISONED
UNDER THE TERMS OF FOUR-POWER AGREEMENTS, AND HIS
RELEASE WOULD REQUIRE THE CONSENT OF THE SOVIET UNION.
IN SPITE OF THE NUMEROUS DEMARCHES WHICH THE FRENCH,

BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS, AS WELL AS YOUR OWN
GOVERNMENT, HAVE MADE TO OBTAIN HIS RELEASE, THE
SOVIET UNION CONTINUES TO OPPOSE ANY STEP OF THIS
NATURE.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RAISED
THIS MATTER AT A HIGH LEVEL WITH THE SOVIETS SHORTLY
AFTER I TOOK OFFICE EARLIER THIS YEAR. I CAN ASSURE
YOU THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO
ATTEMPT TO SECURE SOVIET AGREEMENT TO THE RELEASE OF
MR. HESS AND, IN THE MEANTIME, WILL TAKE ALL
APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THE CONDITIONS OF
HIS IMPRISONMENT ARE ALLEVIATED TO THE GREATEST DEGREE
POSSIBLE.

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